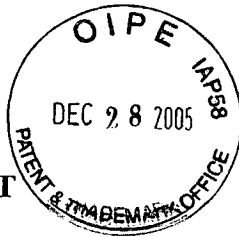


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit this Response in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 29, 2005. The time set for reply to the Restriction Requirement expires on December 29, 2005, and thus this Response is timely filed. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the subject matter of Group III, claims 51 and 52, but expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected embodiments at a later time or in one or more divisional applications and/or continuation applications.

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